

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
U.S. Application No. 09/335,518

REMARKS

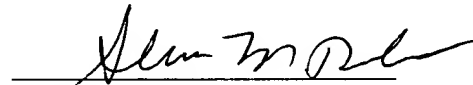
By this Amendment, claims 1 and 9 have been amended, and claims 19 and 20 have been added.

Due to a typographical error in the June 22, 2004 Amendment, Applicant submits the current Amendment. Applicant maintains, however, that claims 1 and 9 remain patentable over the references of record for at least analogous reasons as set forth in the June 24, 2004 Amendment. Further, Applicant submits that newly added claim 19 is patentable for at least analogous reasons as claim 17 (which was canceled in the June 24, 2004 Amendment). See March 24, 2004 Office Action for indication of the allowability of canceled claim 17.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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